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In response to the report by the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine

Mr. Chairperson,

We join in welcoming Mr. Lubomir Kopaj, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, and thank him for his detailed report.

We appreciate the Co-ordinator's desire to ensure access for the general public to information on the work of his field presence, which is an indispensable condition for successfully carrying out its functions within the framework of the tasks outlined by its mandate. In this connection, we note in particular that a clear line has been drawn in the report between budgetary and extrabudgetary activities and the targeting of the assistance being provided in terms of the achievement of concrete results has been discussed.

We support the Co-ordinator's intention to organize his office's work in close co-operation with the Ukrainian authorities and also to invite representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the host country to observe the implementation of projects and evaluate their practical results.

We believe it is important that the office continues to observe a balance between the three key dimensions in its work. At present, it would seem that the emphasis is still placed on questions concerning the third "basket", while other relevant areas clearly do not receive enough attention.

In particular, we call on the Co-ordinator to pay greater attention to the economic and environmental dimension, since at a time of global economic crisis work in this area acquires special importance. We believe that the presence could help, for example, in the creation of a favourable investment climate. In this regard, assistance to the authorities in the implementation of anti-corruption reform seems useful. It is clear that the social integration project for retired military personnel also has particular socio-economic significance.

In the context of the humanitarian and legal programme, we welcome the plans to help implement in Ukraine the State programme to combat trafficking in human beings and the efforts to introduce the institution of constitutional appeal, especially in the light of the

exchange of experience on this matter between Russian judges and their Ukrainian colleagues.

In our view, work to increase the technical potential of the Ukrainian Ministry for Emergency Situations with respect to the detection and disposal of Second World War munitions should remain a focus of the Co-ordinator's efforts.

No less important is the large-scale project for the disposal of rocket fuel mélange, in which Russian facilities, notably the Sverdlov factory in Dzerzhinsk, have a role to play. We are ready to continue to provide technical assistance for the implementation of such high-tech projects.

We should like to take this opportunity to wish Mr. Kopaj and his staff every success in their work within the framework of the existing mandate and with account taken of the wishes of the Ukrainian authorities.

Thank you for your attention.